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Caltrans to Break Ground on Hwy 44 Paving Project in Shasta County

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will soon begin work to improve State Route 44 near Viola in Shasta County. One hundred percent of the funding for the $1.8 million Manzanita Overlay Project is being provided by Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The project will replace the roadway’s current asphalt concrete surfacing with a thin, hot mix asphalt overlay from a point approximately three miles east of Deer Flat Road to a point half a mile east of Bridge Creek Road. The project will also include shoulder work and restriping of the roadway.

“State Route 44 is a primary connector route between Redding and Susanville in Northern California,” said Caltrans District 2 Director Dave Moore. “This overlay project with Senate Bill 1 funding will help to keep this route in great shape for the traveling public for years to come and fix pavement damage from water intrusion in the winter months.”

Construction is planned to begin on August 29th. Motorists should plan for up to 15-minute delays, Mondays-Fridays during daytime hours. Motorists are also reminded that the law requires them to slow down and drive carefully in and around construction areas, and to always follow the temporary speed limit reductions. The project is currently anticipated to be completed by early October. Tullis, Inc. is the lead contractor on the project.

Construction projects are subject to changes without prior notice. Caltrans and its contractors do our best to keep the public informed, so stay up to date on highway projects, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Project information can also be found on the District 2 webpage and the public can call (530) 225-3426 during working hours or send an email to D2PIO@dot.ca.gov. Updated highway conditions for California can be found on QuickMap and on One-Stop-Shop for the Western U.S.

SB 1 provides $5 billion in transportation funding annually shared equally between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by
SB 1, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov.

Current conditions of State Route 44, east of Viola, in Shasta County

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